



Bureau of Justice Assistance Fact Sheet

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The BJA Resident Practitioner Program

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, is pleased to announce the establishment of the Resident Practitioner Program.

Throughout its history, BJA has worked to foster dynamism and innovation in State and local criminal justice programs by encouraging interdisciplinary program planning and implementation. In keeping with that tradition, BJA for many years has sponsored conferences and demonstrations, provided technical assistance, and conducted site visits to facilitate networking and information sharing among Federal, State, and local entities. Through the Resident Practitioner Program, BJA hopes to bring the diverse expertise and perspectives of accomplished State and local practitioners to Washington, D.C., to help create and administer more effective criminal justice programs.

What Is a Resident Practitioner?

A BJA Resident Practitioner is a representative of a criminal justice discipline with valuable experience, education, and expertise who will contribute to the ongoing development of BJA programs. He or she will work with BJA management and program staff at BJA's offices in Washington, D.C., for 12 to 18 months and will participate in specific projects in his or her area of expertise.

Resident Practitioners receive full financial and logistical support from BJA. Awards cover salary, fringe benefits, travel costs essential to the project, and office materials.

Duties of the Resident Practitioner

The Resident Practitioner will contribute to BJA's mission of improving Federal, State, and local criminal justice systems in a variety of ways, including:

- ❑ Participating in BJA training, technical assistance, site visits, and/or other State and local program assistance in the Resident Practitioner's area of expertise.
- ❑ Providing a practitioner's perspective to BJA's management team with respect to current systemic needs in planning, implementing, evaluating, and sustaining innovative programs in State and local criminal justice systems.
- ❑ Studying issues selected by the Director of BJA and making recommendations to the BJA management team on implementing innovative programs.
- ❑ Contributing a State and local practitioner's perspective to cooperative ventures with other Federal agencies.
- ❑ Developing and conducting training for BJA and other Federal agencies in the Resident Practitioner's area of expertise.
- ❑ Contributing to other special programs on an as-needed basis.

The 1998 Resident Practitioner

For each Resident Practitioner period, BJA will accept applications from a preselected criminal justice discipline.

In 1998, the first series of applications will be accepted from individuals professionally active in a State or local criminal court system. Applicants may include judges, defenders, prosecutors, pretrial services professionals, probation officers or administrators, court administrators, and clerks of court.

Subsequent announcements will focus on other disciplines, and over time a cross-disciplinary team of Resident Practitioners will be formed to work with BJA staff.

How To Apply

Applicants should submit completed application materials along with a copy of their résumé and/or curriculum vitae to the address listed in the application instructions.

Applications must be received by November 14, 1997.

Applications will be reviewed by the Resident Practitioner selection committee. Candidates will be chosen on the basis of their background and experience as well as their responses to application questions. Finalists will be interviewed by the Director of BJA and/or members of the BJA executive management team. BJA will announce the successful candidate by December 12, 1997.

For Further Information

To obtain further information about the Resident Practitioner Program, contact Patty Reilly at (202) 616-6500, or visit the BJA website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>.

Instructions for Applying for the BJA Resident Practitioner Program

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible, in one page or less per question, in typed, 12-point font. Include a copy of your résumé and/or curriculum vitae with your application. ***Applications are due by November 14, 1997.*** Be sure that these documents detail

your continuous employment history (including related uncompensated professional activities), education history, degrees conferred (including honorary), and published articles or other literature.

1. Full Name:
Title:
Employer:
Work Telephone:
Employer Address:
Home Telephone:
Home Address:
E-mail Address:
2. Describe why your experience with criminal justice programs and strategy development would be of value to the staff and administration of BJA.
3. Describe how you would use your experience with BJA to benefit your jurisdiction.
4. Provide any important information about yourself not covered under these questions (**Optional**).

Submit all application materials to:

Resident Practitioner Program
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW.
Washington, DC 20531

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